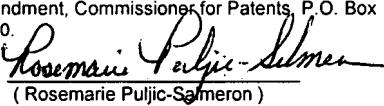


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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated January 30, 2007 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20070105), for which a response was due on April 30, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 30, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 24 of this paper.